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## The pill popping Generation

**"Y" Generation using drugs as way to release from their problems to large degree**

**Beth Martinson**  
Entertainment Editor

It's eleven o'clock on a typical Monday night and the dorm is so quiet you can hear the wind wailing against the windows. Two doors down from the RA's room three students are giggling; one of them, a girl with long blond hair wrapped around her tiny shoulders and blue-green eyes with dilated pupils is chewing on a Winnie the Pooh pacifier. A boy is with her with a sacred heart tattoo half covered by the sleeve of his Rolling Stones t-shirt bouncing his head up and down as he listens to the techno music playing quietly in the corner. His girlfriend sits across from him hugging a pillow as if it's her best friend. She is also smiling, but has a far off look in her eyes as she stares at the wall.

They're just a few of the many so-called "Y" Generation who use drugs on a regular basis. But this generation of drug abuse is very different than those that came before. These

aren't the drugs that their parents used.

The Baby Boomers, parents to most of the generation "Y" category, lived during a time of social upheaval in which they had to fight for the little control that they had. As one Baby Boomer put it, "We wanted to fix society. Kids these days are apathetic."

Now everything is about change and choice. The world, and most especially the United States, is a liberal place. "All we had to look forward to was forty years of doing the same job our fathers did," explained John, 50, a mechanic. "But we didn't have what my children have. Everything was a lot slower." Now everything is fast-paced and non-stop. Everything is about how fast you can get something done. ATM's, fast-food, shopping on the internet, and point and click e-mail are all a few ways in which people can get things done in as little time as possible.

The media is also more of an influence now than ever. Medications are advertised on television. People

believe they can be cured of anything by simply taking a pill. "Because of the ads on television, the media has increased the demand for prescription drugs," explained Lois Schuyler, R.N., Director of Health Services at RWU. "Some people think they can take something and they'll get better." No matter what your problem is, there is a quick fix pill ready to take action.

Some pharmacies even have drive-thru's to get the drugs you need without even getting out of the car.

In a recent survey of Roger Williams University 18-21 year-old college students, 16 out of 40 are currently using prescribed Ritalin for Attention Deficit Disorder, which is a common problem among the "Y" Generation.

Illegal drugs have also changed greatly within the last thirty years. Prescription painkiller abuse was also popular with almost half of those surveyed saying that they have or currently are using non-prescribed painkillers such as Percocets and Vicadins. Donna Darmody, Director of RWU's Health Education and the Alcohol and Drug Program, explained that now there is a "casualness to sharing prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs."

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Steve Saleeba has something to say, but no one is listening  
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Softball and lacrosse previews. Both squads focus on conference crowns

## An unplanned winter break for RWU has junior Marc Stroum asking: "Where's the Blizzard?"

**Marc Stroum**  
Sports Editor

It's just about 4 AM and for the second day in a row, weather cancelled school. From the looks of the road outside of Bayside and looking into the street lights, not much snow had fallen. This left many students wondering, where is all the snow?

In the meantime, many of them could care less about the lack of white, as it allowed them to catch up on sleep during the day and hang out with their friends at night. It's rare to see a lot of activity on a Monday night, but two days off of school in a row calls for a celebration.

Rumors began flying towards the end of last week, as meteorologists saw some signs of a Nor'easter coming up the coast, but the storm had yet to develop. As the weekend was upon us, many meteorologists forecasted a duplication of the blizzard of '78. Students, and all the other people in the area, flocked to the stores to stock up on the essentials: bread, milk, and water.

"This is going to be huge," said senior Rich Barbato. Plenty of people agreed with Rich, but students were surprised to see more sleet and ice on the ground than snow.

Despite the disappointing totals in Bristol, northern Rhode Island

**"You know, I knew the weathermen would blow it"**  
**-Matt Snow**

**"I expected a ton of snow, I mean it's cool there is no school, but this is weak."**  
**-Eric Rodgers**

and parts of Massachusetts were nailed with two-to-three feet of snow. The big question was how did school officials feel about their decision to cancel school for Monday and Tuesday?

Students had their own opinions to this storm:

Senior Eric Rodgers said, "This is a disappointment, I expected a ton of snow, I mean it's cool there is no school, but this is weak."

Matt Snow, another senior, said, "You know, I knew the weather-

men would blow it, they suck with weather, but they freaked out school officials and now we have no school, that's cool."

By Tuesday evening, Rhode Island officially missed the brunt of the storm. Pretty much every student on campus had cabin fever. The one good thing that was on a lot of people's minds was that spring break is just over a week away.

Fourth-year architecture major Jay Hanrahan had this to say, "I have to get out of here and get some shirts for spring break. It's going to be here before you know it." He added, "I've been inside for 3 days I need to do something beside watch movies."

On Tuesday night, the clear roads began receiving a decent accumulation of new white powder. Will there be a third day off of school? Nope, a broadcast message had informed students that cabin fever would end and classes would go on as scheduled for Wednesday.

Despite the lack of fluffy stuff, the school got pelted with sleet for well over two days. Who knows, maybe by the time this paper comes out another storm will come over the Bristol area.

"We still know one thing," said Kenny Nappi. "Everyday when we leave our room it will still be windy."



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## RWU contributors give more so school can receive grant

Roger Williams University has announced the completion of a 3:1 challenge-grant of \$75,000 offer by George I. Alden Trust, Worcester, Mass., to establish the George I. Alden need-based scholarship aid endowment.

Under the terms of the challenge, the university had to raise \$225,000 in a new or increased gift within 18 months to receive \$75,000 Alden grant, said Christine L. Ertel, vice president for the university advancement. The university raised more than \$230,000 in 16 months, Ertel said.

"We are especially proud of this achievement because of the requirement that the donations be 'new or increased' giving," Ertel said. "Almost two-thirds of the 1,265 donors were contributing to the university for the first time, and more than half of them were alumni. We thank all of them for stepping forward for this campaign."

"Local businesses were important to the success as well," said Margaret Church, director of foundation and corporate relations. "Business owners prefer to contribute to a specific purpose, and scholarships are something everyone can identify with."

"Endowment of need-based scholarships is crucial at this time," said Anthony J.

Santoro, University chancellor, "because inexorable increases in tuition and room and board threaten access to private, higher education for all but the wealthy."

"The top quality faculty, libraries, laboratories, computer centers, and other people and systems necessary to deliver a first-rate education simply cost more than most people can afford," Santoro said. "Endowment scholarships are an absolute necessity to keep the doors to private, higher education open to all those who are interested and qualified."

"The entire leadership of the university is profoundly grateful to the alumni, parents, local businesses, and other friends who stepped forward, enabling us to make this important addition to our endowment," Santoro said.

The George I. Alden Trust supports educational and civic institutions throughout the Northeast. It was established in 1912 by Alden, founder of Norton Company I Worcester Polytechnic University.

"The Alden Trust has a fine reputation not only in Worcester," said Joseph H. Hagan, president, "but increasingly throughout New England and the entire Northeast."

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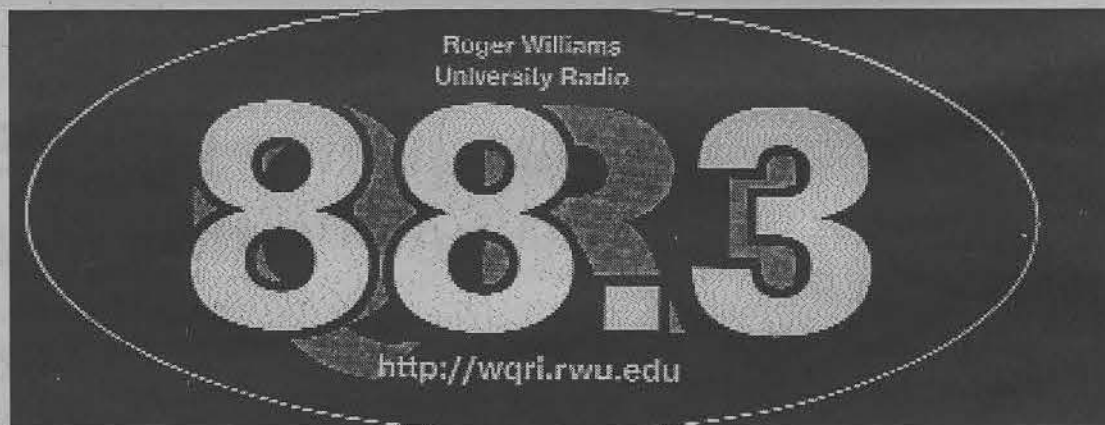
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## Editorials/News

### To the Editor:

This letter is in regards to the former editor of the Hawk's Eye, Aly Mase. First, I would like to express my sorrow upon reading about her choice to step down as editor. Granted, schoolwork does come before any extra-curricular activity, but I know it can be difficult to say goodbye to something you have worked hard on. I can sympathize with Aly, and realize just how painful it must have been for her to reach that decision.

Instead of wallowing in sorrow, though, I would hope that instead she feels a sense of accomplishment. As editor, Aly took the Hawk's Eye to new heights, pulling it up from the slump it has been in. I am not afraid to say that before her,

frankly, the paper stunk. I remember no one would actually read it for news or information, but solely for the purpose of ridiculing it. But then Aly's first issue came out. Sure, it has a few minor flaws, but overall the quality was greatly improved. People were reading the paper now, but not so many were laughing. As I read the newly improved first issue, I could not help but think, 'Wow...this is a real newspaper'

I came to look forward to each publication, not only to see how it improved from the last, but also to read the Editorial that Aly wrote herself. These while harsh and to the point at times, were thought provoking. I never read an article before that made me stop and think about the issues like hers did. Also, the paper was actually a well-round-

ed one. It contained news articles, current events on campus, even music reviews. I would like to think that had Aly remained editor, the Hawk's Eye would have definitely become an important media outlet for everyone on campus.

I am not criticizing the new Editor or staff. I do not know what they can do. I am expressing my gratitude to Aly for giving it her best, and producing a comparable newspaper. I am looking forward to the new editions to come. Hopefully, the newspaper will continue what Aly has started, and ensure the Hawk's Eye become an important source of information to all on campus.

Sincerely,  
Chris Cahill

# WHO CARES: No one will read this anyway

Steve Saleeba  
Contributing Writer

Late afternoon on what seems to be an average Tuesday at RWU, two sophomores from Baypoint sit outside the student union complaining about the house across the street. To everyone's surprise, the air is quieter than usual.

The landscapers must have been given a day off because no one is mowing the grass on the quad. There are only a few rabid cats running amongst the wandering students. The two sophomores grumble about parking, and the student union that they sit outside of, asking what happened to the new union, promised to them several times. Continuing to whine, the young woman becomes visibly disgusted. She grumbles that they should cut enrollment because "there are a bunch of g\*ddamn morons here anyway," reasoning there would not be a need for all of the new facilities. She reminds the other student that their money pays for the additions to the school, which should be considered when the administration decides how to spend it. The students complain, but never attempt to change things.

During the late 1960's and early 1970's, a majority of college students picketed and protested for causes they believed in. Many were unsure of what they fought for, protesting only as moral support for friends. All acknowledged that there might be consequences to their actions. Some believed in a revolution, others fought for peace, some for drugs, sex, and rock & roll. Regardless of the causes, students united to support these causes.

People of society, since decaying like a rotting carcass of a sponge, have become completely self-absorbed. Students and administration at RWU reflect this attitude. No one is willing to unite or accept responsibility. Worst of all, no one is willing to attempt anything when there is a threat of consequences. There are few, if any petitions circulating, and nobody pickets or protests. Noting the gyms are often overflowing with students who just enjoy flexing in front of the mirrors that reflect their vanity, it becomes evident

that they are concerned only with themselves. Getting in shape for spring break to "look nice in a bathing suit," has become the most important aspect of many people's agendas.

"It's sad," says Amy Farak, a junior marine biology major. "People are so shallow. Their only concern is themselves." She says students have sacrificed their voice. The administration does not care about what the students want anymore. Perhaps it is because the students show no interest.

Farak went on to say, "The hippies would have been out there getting stuff done."

Kerry McLean, a fifth-year English literature major expresses her opinion on the crumbling attitudes of people, criticizing both the students and the administration. She argues that it seems like "the administration frowns upon students gathering together and communicating with faculty about problems with the university." This creates what McLean refers to as an "information deficit," which she describes by saying, "We don't know how to go out and get things, students are uninformed.

When you don't know how, you won't rise." She claims that because the students are not taught to unite, they do not know how. McLean also believes, "Students don't have the actual motivation to get together...We're afraid we might have to be responsible, that we might have to be accountable for something."

Many have dubbed this generation the "Attention Deficit Disorder" Generation. The economy thrives, so the "A.D.D." Generation gets anything they want from their Baby Boomer parents, who feel the need to spoil them. New cars, big stereos for the cars, newer cars when they crash their first ones, designer clothes. They are given anything they want. This is obvious to anyone who looks around. Most people are climbing into their BMWs or their SUVs wearing Abercrombie & Fitch, Banana Republic, and nothing else. They have nothing to complain about because everything is handed to them on a "silver platter." What happens when they don't get something they want? They act like children, crying, stomping

their feet up stairs as if they were just punished. Sulking for a bit, they completely forget, returning to the distracting world of mindless video games.

A parent of an RWU sophomore says, "The kids today are spoiled rotten.

When I was growing up, if we wanted something, we worked for it, I never thought of asking, that's how they (parents) brought us up." He agrees that people are becoming more self-centered, and feels that things should change.

Professor Bob McRoberts, a faculty member who has taught at RWU since the school was just an experiment, discussed with a creative writing class whether students have actually given up their voice. The irony of this discussion was that only a handful of students participated. McRoberts explained that when the school began, "Faculty and students were listened to, and now, they aren't." The few students discussing the lack of community decided that without a sense of unity, the students are more vulnerable.

There are a few students willing to protest or petition, where the majority is occupied with its own concerns. Nothing will be accomplished if students aren't willing to step away from their vanity to join a larger cause. Jason Layne, a senior creative writing major, feels the students "should stand up, and do more." Layne criticizes the administration for preventing the students from forming any sort of resistance. He says, "The University does all it can to suppress organization. It seems almost like a joke...They say on the record 'We support this and that cause,' and it's obvious they don't."

Anyone who attended the annual Presidential Forum this year remembers all of the concerns addressed. The administration promised they were working on these issues, but nothing has been accomplished. Layne blames the student body as well, saying students don't "do enough to provoke anything. Most of them grew up in a bubble where they weren't exposed to any issues." This school consists mostly of upper-middle-class, white, suburban children who came from rich communities and were never exposed to any diversity.

The largest problem of the student body may be their misconceptions of responsibility. Their opinions toward responsibility make them hypocrites. They will not accept responsibilities of

children, but at the same time, want privileges of adults. Many of the students that push for shuttle services to local bars are underage with fake ID's, where the others are of legal age. Whatever their ages, they consume alcohol posing as adults. Oddly enough, they expect the administration to pick them up from the bar, possibly remembering when their parents used to do so from a junior high school dance. They cry about their rights, but then shun responsibility bestowed upon them as adults.

The administration displays the same hypocrisy when dealing with responsibility issues. They treat the students like children, but are unwilling to take any responsibility for the students. The administration fears being held responsible for anything that doesn't boost its public relations. At the same time, they refuse to listen to students or faculty. They move ahead without consulting anyone, assuming they know what is best, as if they are the parents of students and faculty. This is the fault of the students as well. They are too busy playing on their computers, acting as they are treated, and do not have the time to make a difference. A well-known aphorism states, "Ignorance is bliss." RWU students must be the happiest people in the world, because they do not have the slightest idea what is going on at their school, nor do they seem to care. Students have lost their rights and they do not speak out because they do not care. McRoberts jokes that, "Pretty soon, there will be no trees on campus," half-joking about all the trees that have been destroyed for the new dorm. Expressing his dissatisfaction with the administration for never consulting the students or the faculty about the new dorm, he cracks to the students, "chain yourselves to the (excavator) tracks."

When asked about his outlook on these accusations against the student body and administration, Todd Nelson, a sophomore creative writing major says, "This, of course, is a generalization, but if you take the time to look around, it becomes obvious." Nelson, expressing a lack of faith in the student body and administration, is saddened by the state of our school. In this growing trend of vanity, self-absorption, and avoidance of responsibility, people continue to sacrifice their rights to concentrate on superficial agendas. Will they fight to regain freedom once it is lost? Will they remember how? Will they even notice their freedom is gone?



## Editorials

### Jess' Gripe

By Jessica Latimer  
News Editor

For the 2000/2001 school year, we pay \$17,400 for tuition to have 12-17 credits, if you go over 17 credits it costs \$725 per each credit over. That isn't even for architecture students; they pay \$2,520 more in tuition a year, which includes their studio fees, and it costs them \$830 for each credit over 17. We then have a health services fee of \$200, a student activities fee of \$230, and then an athletics fee if you choose to participate of \$300.

Room costs breakdown as follows: \$6360 for a single, \$4280 for a double or triple, \$6780 for a single in Bayside, \$5530 for a four-person apartment, and \$6240 for a five-person apartment.

Board for the 15-meal plan costs \$3730, and the 19-meal plan costs \$3860.

Before we even step foot into our dorms we have to pay a \$350 security deposit for our room, \$225 damage deposit for our residence hall, and then a \$325 accident insurance. Also, as a freshman or transfer student there is a first time \$300 first-time registration deposit.

Other extra fees include \$205

audit charge per course, \$215 laboratory fee per course, and \$495 music lab and voice or instrument lesson charge. The school can charge a challenge exam fee of \$50 (where applicable), an \$85 legal research fee, \$150 graduation fee, and \$3 transcript fee. We are charged \$1740 for any 3-credit course, which includes independent studies, cooperative education studies, internships, external courses, and cooperative studies. Also, using the architectural studio if you are not an architecture major costs \$1080.

Now the way I figure it if we pay all this money we should get close to what we pay for because, of course, nothing is perfect. However a lot of times in the rooms there are broken blinds, beds, and light switches, leaks, mold, bad internet connections, broken chairs and desks, and the list just goes on and on. There is also occasionally your broken, clogged, or overflowing toilet, clogged sinks, and mold in the bathroom showers that never seems to come off. One of the biggest problems that will never, ever, ever change is the maintenance requests that never get fulfilled.

Being a sophomore I have had the pleasure of living in Cedar on the third floor and had to deal with hundreds of dollars of floor damages that our damage deposit never seemed to cover, puke on the bathroom floor that would be left there for a few days over the weekend, about one working toilet to the whole floor, and cracked mirrors. There

was also the heat that never seemed to go away, the stairs that someone tore up, the elevator that I got stuck in, and the locks that you always had to jiggle just right to get them to open.

I have also had the pleasure of living in two different rooms in willow, one in 53 and one in 43. In 53, I had to deal with the drunk kids upstairs that never seemed to shut up and they would hit the walls, of course whenever public safety came the noise would cease. There was the broken blinds, so of course the light post right outside the window glared in and the room was as bright at night as it was during the day and the trash that never seemed to be emptied and raunched up the whole unit, and most recently the microwave that caught on fire.

In 43 I have dealt with the broken bed that needed to get replaced before I moved in, the loose electrical sockets that didn't work, and the hole in my closet where mold was growing, and there was water actively drenching the plaster. The bed was finally fixed after 6 requests, the electrical sockets were attempted to be fixed over winter intersession, after six requests, and the hole in the closet wasn't fixed until three weeks after intersession, despite the fact that it was guaranteed to be fixed over winter intersession.

The latest problem is our leak along the cement shelf in my room (I live in the basement level), and the giant tear in the plaster between my closet and

the cement wall, where you can look at all of the rotting, wet wood inside of Willow Hall. My roommate and I have ruined several towels and lost food, but of course we were not reimbursed, or apologized to. Instead we were told that if we wanted to be reimbursed for those things we needed room insurance, (because we asked for there to be water leaking in our room of course and somehow it was our fault). So there are destroyed towels, lost food, and finally after about 20 phone calls we were guaranteed that it would be fixed over spring break. Of course, when we came back, just like my closet, it was still not fixed and the problem remains unsolved, but between student life, maintenance, etc, they are putting in their best effort and will fix it as soon as possible.

So, here we are paying \$4280 dollars to live in a small room in the basement that has a leak, a hole, and actively growing mold and bacteria for us to breath in and all the excuses in the world. I would like to see one member of administration live in this room for one night, I am sure that they would have it fixed immediately. However, my roommate and I being students have little voice and have been living in this since the first week of February. It makes me wonder where our money really goes, and how we can pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for this house across the street, but we can't pay a couple of hundred dollars to fix a hole and a leak.

## Entertainment

### Uncle Oscar's Little Award Show

By Beth Martinson  
Entertainment Editor

Julia yelled at "stick man." J-Lo shocked us yet again. Steve hosted instead of Billy. Russell kidnapped Oscar. Benicio supported his habit, and Bob got an extreme close-up. These are just a few of the quirky, crazy and entertaining things that happened at the 73rd Annual Academy Awards nicknamed the Oscars, (supposedly because someone somewhere said the small statue of a man looked like his or her Uncle Oscar).

"Gladiator" won the most anticipated category of Best Picture and the star, Russell Crow, took Oscar home for Best Actor. Russell dedicated his win to his father and grandfather, both deceased. He said he wanted to "dedicate it to two men who still continue to inspire me."

Julia Roberts dramatically exclaimed her delight in being chosen as Best Actress in "Erin Brockovich". She excitedly thanked, "everyone I've ever met," and begged for a chance to be thorough in her thankyou's, "And sir, you're doing a great job, but you're so quick with that stick so why don't you sit because I may never be here again," she exclaimed to the conductor.

Benicio Del Toro, best known for "The Usual Suspects", won for Best Supporting Actor. He thanked, "My father for showing me the power of caring; my mother for teaching me never to give up; my brother for looking out for me and my godmother for giving me a million and one reasons to believe."

Marcia Gay Harden also thanked her family, "Dad, who's here tonight, thank you for teaching me how to soldier through tough situations and Mom, for teaching me how to do it gracefully," when she won for Best Supporting Actress in "Pollock", a little-publicized film directed by and starring Ed Harris of "The Truman Show" and "Enemy At The Gates".

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon", a non-traditional Hollywood movie, did well but didn't pounce "Gladiator" for Best Picture. It did, however, win for Best Foreign Film, Best Music, Best Art Director, and Best Cinematography while Gladiator held only those statuettes for the coveted Best Picture, Costume Design, and also Best Visual Effects.

"Traffic", the intricate story of the war on drugs, won for Film Editing, and Adapted Writing. "Almost Famous" earned Cameron Crowe an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay but the film received no other wins despite the favored win for Goldie Hawn's actress-daughter Kate Hudson.

This year's Oscars also had a different captain. Billy Crystal, a favorite of hosts, passed the microphone to his friend and fellow comedian Steve Martin. His adaptation of the host position included teasing Julia Roberts and accusing Tom Hanks of planning to kidnap Russell Crowe.

The best part of the Oscars for the celebrities and the worst for us is that the awards show is the beginning of their night while it is the end of ours. This year's show ended more than three hours after it began at 8:00 in the evening (and that did not include all the pre-show press). When we are heading to bed they are heading out to amazing parties with their co-workers, peers and friends. We're not invited.

### Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon not your average martial arts film

By Beth Martinson  
Entertainment Editor

Here's a simple review of this Oscar-nominated movie: Go see it. Its excellence can't be described in words; you have to see it for yourself.

It's in subtitles, but after five minutes you forget you're reading the movie. It reads itself. Forget Jackie Chan movies, this movie has far superior action and martial arts. They even fly! The story is also incredible, a mix of emotions ranging from laughter to tears of frustration. The tale is of a young girl deciding her fate for the future, her conflicts with what others want for her, and what she craves to be. It is also a love story of two people who want to desperately be together, but society has cursed them to be alone forever.

Even though this is a foreign film, the theme is purely human. Every emotion, every dream every smile, every tear; they're all the same. Emotions penetrate every language and cultural barrier. Perhaps that is why this movie is so incredible. It gets you in the theatre with its amazing special effects and skilled martial arts, but you leave the theatre knowing you were part of something more than movement.



## News

## Meet Jason Ojeda...

By Kelly Gordon  
Contributing Writer

Ring, Ring. The phone is ringing in your dorm room. Walking to pick it up, you think about who it could be. Could be your parents. Could be your friends. -Or- it could be John Franco of the New York Mets, PeeWee Herman, Barnaby Jones, or John Secada, "international superstar of the early '90s." With Jason Ojeda here on the Roger Williams University campus, you just never know.

Once or twice a week, 20 year-old sophomore, Jason Ojeda, calls his friends and pretends to be a celebrity. "He just randomly calls people and, they always know it's Jay, but they play along and let him do his thing. He likes to pretend to be famous people that are notorious for doing something out of the ordinary because it's funny and 'cause he is out of the ordinary himself." Says his girlfriend of nearly three years, Heather Soss. "Once, he called up as John Secada, 'international superstar of the early nineties'. It was really funny."

Ojeda has "dedicated [himself] to NOT conforming to society's standards. I don't want to be like everyone else." And in many ways, Ojeda is not a typical resident of Roger Williams University.

"Usually, residents of Willow Hall share a bathroom with 4 to 9 students. Most of the time, students make schedules or find ways around one another to avoid time conflicts," said Jessie Herisse, RA of Willow 52.

Ineed, he found an alternative

to waiting for the shower. On Monday, February 12th, Ojeda decided to try to sleep in the bathroom. "I wanted to be the first one in the shower. I hate waiting." He moved his mattress onto the tiled floor and set up the sheets and pillow. He took the alarm clock from his room and plugged it in next to the outlet, setting it on the side of the tub. He also hung up three posters "to make the place feel like home", he said. Last of all, he placed the phone down next to his mattress and laid down to sleep.

Ojeda, however, was unable to successfully spend the night in the bathroom when his RA, Wendy Rokose, found him out. "Well, I walked over to the bathroom to see what he was doing because I heard a lot of noise...and he had set up his room in there. I don't know. I thought it was a little strange, and asked him what he was doing. He said he wanted to sleep in there and be the first one in line for the shower. (Laughing) So I told him he couldn't sleep in there because he doesn't live in there! We all need to use the bathroom and he needs to follow that rule." He reluctantly moved his belongings back to his room and said that it was okay because he wasn't trying to cause a problem.

Ojeda finds his way around other problems too. For instance, instead of walking up to dinner, he drives up. When asked why, he answered quickly "I'm afraid of the gnomes." He continued to explain by saying that his biggest fear is running into a gnome and that they could be anywhere. He got a laugh out of his girlfriend who just shook her head at the

response. She and Ojeda drive up together most nights.

He follows his friends down the hill from the Student Union to Willow Hall in his car, rolling down the hill at walking speed. He assures everyone that it is nothing to be afraid of. "I like to call myself the safety stalker," says Ojeda, "I like to make sure they get back to their rooms safely."

Jen Shakoori, one of the people recently followed by her friend, explained the scenario: "I was walking along one night and I heard this car engine but it wasn't going by, it was just next to me. So I looked over and there he was, just talking to me and rolling the car along. He had the window down and he was telling me things like 'you shouldn't walk by yourself' and 'it's a nice evening for a walk, isn't it?' I was laughing so hard, I couldn't even breathe."

Ojeda's days aren't only filled with the pre-mentioned "unusual" activities though. He was an intramural soccer captain last semester and he's a member of CEN, the Campus Entertainment Network. Of course, he requested to be called "El Capitan" and had Captain Crunch cereal before every soccer game, and has been requesting several random celebrities to come and visit the school for no apparent reason.

"He just says what's on his mind, which is sometimes stuff he shouldn't say, but he's just blunt. He's very blunt." Says Ojeda's friend Jim Camden, also a student of RWU.

When asked what it's like to be the girlfriend of the guy who tried to sleep in the bathroom, Heather

answered, "Well, that's one of the reasons I go out with him. He's funny."

Heather told a few stories of what things Ojeda used to do when he was back home in Cortlandt Manor, New York: "He used to call up his grandmother all the time and pretend to be someone working for the city. He would tell her that he was coming over to cut down the tree that was in front of her house because it was obstructing the neighbors' view. It was really funny. After a while he told her it was him, and she thought it was really funny too. Then he called her up in an accent and told her that he was the pool guy and that he would be there in an hour to install the pool. And she freaked out, so he called her back and told her it was him. Then she laughed about that too."

Everyone knew who he was in high school. He was popular. Everyone knew him as the comedian."

These days, Ojeda is planning to call pretending to be his idol, The Crocodile Hunter. He's determined to keep everyone laughing and to expand his calling to more of the campus community.

So, be prepared when you're walking along campus, when you stumble into the bathroom in the middle of the night, or when you meet new dorm neighbors next semester. And when you pick up the phone, remember, -it might not be your mother.

## Rohypnol: Typical date rape drug or drug used for a casual high

By Jessica Latimer  
News Editor

"I didn't really take roofies intentionally, someone told me it was laced around what I smoked, but it wasn't really that bad. I was still conscious of everything I was doing until a few hours later when I blacked out. From what I do remember it felt pretty cool and I would be willing to try it again, I mean we were at a club on spring break, and it was just part of the whole scene," said Sara, a sophomore.

Rohypnol, commonly known as "roofies", is typically referred to as the drug used to sedate women and then date rape them. However there is a new trend where high school and college girls are taking roofies like any other drug, for the purpose of a high and to escape reality.

"I will try anything at least once, there isn't any real harm in it. Just because roofies are normally associated with date rape, doesn't mean that the

high doesn't feel as good as any other. It just got a bad rep," said a female sophomore student. "The only reason why some people may think it is messed up to take a drug that is associated with date rape is because it is slipped unknowingly into people's drinks with the sole goal being for them to be out of it enough to be taken advantage of. If someone knowingly takes it and then wants to party, it's no big thing."

"When it comes to taking drugs or drinking, the truth of the matter is, people want to loosen up, forget about their problems for a little while, and fit in with the crowd. They don't want to draw attention to themselves, or be tense. One of the major sellers for roofies is that it can drop you to a level of semi-consciousness after only one pill. It doesn't tend to be too expensive, and is easy enough to attain."

The only difference is that it is being taken for a high by women, when it is usually used as a weapon by men." said a female health advocate. "One of the big problems I see with this drug

being taken for pleasure is that it can drop your conscious level so quickly, and when drugs are taken they become addicting. If someone becomes addicted to this drug and takes it in large masses they are opening themselves up to being taken advantage of. Your vulnerability skyrockets which is why it is so commonly used as a date rape drug. When you take this in excess you are opening up all kinds of doors from getting raped to dying," said an employee of health services.

There was recently an episode on Maury Povich where three high school girls came on the show and spoke of their addiction to drugs, especially their use of Rohypnol. They started off by drinking when they were eleven and twelve, and then started smoking pot by the time they were thirteen. They eventually graduated to taking cocaine and E. A few months ago they found roofies and started taking it when they would go out to a club, and eventually increased their use. Finally one of the girls took 40 pills in one day and blacked out for

two weeks and that is when she decided she needed help.

One of the saddest things is that these girls were still addicted and although they wanted to stop, they needed help to do so. "Once you try something it is like a thrill, a high, you want to keep getting back to that place that the drug brought you to and it becomes an addiction. The craving becomes so strong that even though you know something is bad for you, you physically feel as though you need to take it. Becoming addicted to something happens so easily. Taking roofies, is like smoking a cigarette. People say they can stop whenever they want, but you begin to crave it and you can't stop," said a junior business major.

"Taking roofies is like taking any other drug, if you take it here and there to feel good, it isn't that big of a deal," said Sara.



## News

# College girls have the ring, the dress, and the cake picked out... even before the husband

By Jessica Latimer  
News Editor

She has everything picked out. The hairdo neatly curled and pinned in place with decorative pins and the make-up daintily painting the models face in pastels out of Glamour magazine. Nails perfectly sculptured and dressed in the perfect pink from Vogue. She has the exact white dress picked out and strappy white shoes to match from *Bride* magazine and she even had the perfect 2.5 carat ring picked out of the Tiffany's website. She is neither engaged, nor in a relationship, but she knows exactly what she wants her wedding to be like.

From subscribing to bridal magazines to finding the perfect dress, and exploring Tiffany's websites for the perfect ring, some college girls are becoming more and more fixated on the idea of a wedding, even when they are not engaged, and may not even be in a relationship. Numerous college girls tuned into "Celebrity Weddings of 2001" which premiered right before Valentine's Day, "Here Comes the Bride," a show that aired a few days

before Valentine's Day, or more commonly, TLC's "A Wedding Story", which is on every day, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"I think that college girls are fixated on the idea of a wedding because of the fantasy that they grow up with as a little girl, the shows that make the thought common-placed, as well as the fact that we are simply getting older," said sophomore Katie.

"For those of you that think girls sit around on a Friday night and plan the 'perfect' wedding, they're wrong. Girls just like toying with the idea of what their weddings will be like without necessarily having the commitment of a man," said Katherine, creative writing major.

"Ever since I was a little girl I started collecting pictures and tear outs from magazines and made a 'wedding box', I only go through it every once in a while, but I add to it whenever I find something I like," said a junior communications major.

In recent years, the number of people who subscribe to bridal magazines has risen drastically, as well as viewership of such shows as the previously mentioned. The reason why these

shows air as much as they do, aside from the obvious reason of Valentine's Day having passed, is because people watch it out of curiosity as well as pure interest.

"For the past two years I have subscribed and read numerous bridal magazines and to an extent planned out my dream wedding, I even price it out from time to time," said Dorothy, a freshman marketing major. "I have no plans of getting married in the near future, but my boyfriend took me doing this so seriously, that he asked my parents if he could marry me, and even bought a ring. It was then that I had to explain that it was a fantasy and a very far off reality, I just enjoyed planning it out in my head."

Perhaps it is the way in which people are raised, the way society incubates us to be a certain way, or the simple notion of a fairytale like *Cinderella*, but more and more girls are becoming obsessed with the endless search to plan the perfect wedding.

With divorce rates having been as high as 60 percent in the past girls are being raised without fathers in a single-parent home and are in constant search of someone to 'fill her father's shoes'.

In cases such as this they start thinking of marriage for reasons as simple as the fact that their parent is unmarried and they want to escape that reality.

Perhaps it is not a trend for college age girls to become obsessed with the idea of a wedding and it is just a rare few, but because their stories are so outrageous they stick out. However, this does not change the fact that in any given day you will hear at least one girl talking about her dream wedding, you will see one girl watching "A Wedding Story", find out about one girl that has a subscription to a bridal magazine, or see one girl browsing a jewelry website for a ring.

Some people may be shocked to hear this, and others may simply not care, but for Katie. She says, "I don't fall into the category of being obsessed with the notion of a wedding, but I do, however, admittedly on occasion think about the fantasy wedding, just like every other little girl and college girl out there. We all want to be like Cinderella and have the perfect dress, hair and make-up, even if women seldom achieve that."

## Selling Point: Trends in RWU Admissions Process

By Sara Clark  
Staff Writer

Scary though it may be, choosing which colleges to apply to is sometimes a bigger decision in a person's life than whether or not to say 'yes' to 'Will you marry me?' After investing time and money in a decision that will affect the next four years, if not the rest of their lives, some high school seniors push their creativity to the limit to ensure that they are not caught drowning in the deep end of that year's applicant pool.

One such case is a student who applied to New York University a few years ago. He had to respond to the question, "Are there any significant experiences you have had, or accomplishments you have realized, that have helped to define you as a person? On his application" The student took the question and not only ran, but skipped, hopped, and jumped with it. Part of the eleven-paragraph essay reads, "I balance, I weave, I dodge, I frolic, and my bills are all paid. On weekends, to let off steam, I participate in full-contact origami. Years ago I discovered the meaning of life but forgot to write it down, but I have not yet gone to college." Needless to say, the student was heartily accepted.

While Roger Williams University may not be the Mecca of every high school senior's college visitation tour, it is growing in size and prestige. As the children of the Baby Boomers are graduating and coming of age and colleges throughout the U.S. are seeing an increase in the amount of applications. At RWU, this means that admissions can be more selective about which students it admits.

According to Lynn Fawthrop, Dean of Enrollment Management, the number of applications that RWU receives each year varies, but she said "we're already up 20 percent over the prior year. In fact, Fawthrop said that for the past three years, the number of applications RWU receives has increased by 20 percent per year. She also said that while the number of applications varies with the year, one statistic remains consistent - about 85 percent of the applicant pool is accepted each year.

RWU has rolling admissions, so incoming freshmen are accepted as early as December 15 (Early Decision) and as late as the start of each semester's classes.

With the children of the Baby Boomers flooding the application pool, what are high school seniors doing to try to get noticed by RWU admissions?

Parents and students alike start extolling their accomplishments as early as open houses. Tweed remembered a unique case in which a mother who was visiting the admissions building laid all of her daughter's trophies, plaques, awards, and medals from childhood to high school on the carpet of the reception room like some achievement mosaic. This, however, is the exception rather than the rule. Most parents and students visit to simply experience the atmosphere of the campus and to ask their burning questions.

Gloria McMurrough, Associate Director of Admissions, explained that there are three special events where prospective students and parents can visit RWU and get a more in-depth look at the college than on a random visit. First are the Open Houses that run in the

fall. Next is a Discovery Day, in which high school seniors visit two classes in their anticipated field of study while McMurrough treats their parents to a bus tour of historic Bristol. Finally, from the end of February until the beginning of April, squadrons of seniors invade the campus and select units of Maple, Cedar, and Willow on Accepted Student Days. But before this last phenomenon comes the myriad of applications.

While prospective students have never answered the RWU application question so creatively as the NYU applicant, McMurrough recalled one application that moved her to action. One prospective student wrote such an alarming essay that when McMurrough was reviewing his application, she "wasn't sure if it was a put-on" or not and it "alerted her to calling his guidance counselor."

"I was concerned that [the student] would be harmful or abusive to [the student] or others," said McMurrough.

The student's guidance counselor checked into the motivation behind the essay and discovered that the student was playing to his crowd.

"That was the one [essay] that made me raise an eyebrow the most," said McMurrough.

The essay question on the RWU application is along the lines of, 'relate an experience which has significantly defined you as a person,' and is supposed to generate a (minimum) 250-word response. One Florida boy who applied to RWU, in what McMurrough called a "smart-alecky" manner, wrote only four lines.

"He thought that his transcripts

spoke for themselves," she added.

In terms of the majority of application essays, Tweed believed that students in the past couple of years had been applying to so many schools that they do not have the strength or the time to worry about wowing the admissions counselors.

"When more and more students are applying to more than one school, it [their essay] becomes straightforward," he said.

McMurrough, however, has noticed a new trend in the subject matter of application essays.

"So many people write about either the illness of a grandparent or the death of a grandparent... or the divorce of a parent," she said. "I think in the past six years people are expressing more serious family matters."

These serious family matters are usually grandparent stories, according to McMurrough. As for the origin of this trend, who knows.

Tweed said that another up and coming trend among RWU applicants is to send photographs and videotapes of themselves to admissions. These tapes are of the students listing their accomplishments, sharing part of their personalities, or showcasing their talents. Tweed said that some students sing, dance, play instruments, or even practice with their band on the videos.

"That information is only added," commented Tweed. "It's extra because we can't require it of all students."

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Wacky Ways



## News

### Portsmouth High students explore School of Engineering

By Brian Rhodes  
Layout Editor

"I wish I had this opportunity when I was in high school," says Megan Bogle, a senior engineering student here at RWU. "It would have been nice."

As Bogle says this, Portsmouth High School students are watching a demonstration on frequency and pitches using equipment that the upper classmen use in digital electronic engineering.

Meanwhile, down the hall another group of Portsmouth students are learning about environmental engineering with a demonstration showing the impact that the construction for the new dorms has on the surrounding environment. And still yet, another group of students from Portsmouth are watching a demonstration that junior Kara McSweeney is putting on with a computer-animated robot. Two other groups of students were looking into lab testing demonstrations and a slide show on the various majors that engineers can study under.

Bob O'Neil, a RWU engineering professor contacted Jack Hurley, a physics teacher at Portsmouth High School with the idea to bring his classes to the School of Engineering. "The point of it is to expose high school students about what engineering is as a profession and what they would do as engineers," said O'Neill.

"Sounded like a great idea," said Hurley about O'Neill contacting him. "Some are considering engineering, and some are going into it. This is a great introduction for them."

The students were showed how the different aspects of engineering are used, from environmental, chemical, mechanical, physical, but according to Hurley, "This is not over their heads."

"They have had applied science," said Hurley. "This is looking at practical applications, while in the classroom they are exposed to theoretical."

Portsmouth students were able to interact with RWU engineering students. Asking them questions and getting a feel for engineering as a major. They got a feel for how engineers work, the effects of engineering, and what toys engineers use for testing the practicality of what professionals design.

In the end, all of the high school students, 28 juniors and seniors, were brought into SE 125 for a presentation by the professors that wrapped up the field trip events.

A graduating student from Portsmouth said, "I liked it. It was informative. I learned that engineers solve problems."

### Continued from front page: Popping Pills a quick fix for teens

One of those surveyed, Erin, 19, said she altered the prescription her doctor gave her so she could get more than one refill of her pain medication after tooth surgery.

A new danger to Generation "Y" is the use of Club Drugs. "Club Drugs," according to a Community Drug Alert Bulletin by The National Institution on Drug Abuse, is "a vague term that refers to a wide variety of drugs," and "uncertainties about the drug sources, pharmacological agents, chemicals used to manufacture them, and possible contaminants making it difficult to determine toxicity, medical consequences, and symptoms."

Perhaps the most popular of the current "Club Drug" trend is Methylenedioxymethamphetamine, also known as MDMA or Ecstasy. Although

Ecstasy is often associated with raves and all night dance parties, many college students said they prefer to be in a comfortable and familiar atmosphere. One such Ecstasy user reported that she didn't leave her bed for three hours for

fear of leaving her "cozy" spot.

There are many health hazards that accrue from Ecstasy use, according to Bryant College Health Services. Psychological effects include confusion, depression, sleep problems, drug craving, severe anxiety, paranoia, and psychotic episodes. Physical symptoms include muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, faintness, chills or sweating, increase in blood pressure, and increase in heart rate. Perhaps most importantly, Ecstasy affects the brain adversely with permanent damage. It damages the neurons that use serotonin to communicate with other neurons. Serotonin plays a direct role in regulating aggression, mood, sexual activity, sleep, and sensitivity to pain. Ecstasy may also cause impaired memory loss for up to two weeks after use. It's not exactly a helpful drug for studious college students.

The new drugs of the 21st century are expensive, high-risk, dangerous, experimental, and developed by unqualified chemists. The drugs of our parent's genera-

tion were different than the drugs associated with the "Y" Generation.

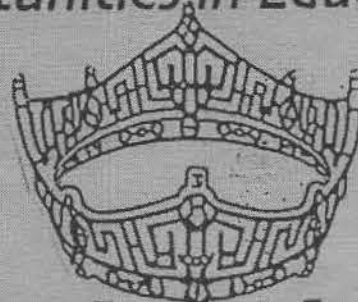
It seems that many drugs available are being abused, from "Robotripping" to inhaling household products. Everything can be used for something else than what it was intended for and other drugs can be intensified by alcohol, an old favorite of every generation.

There are pills for everything imaginable; caffeine pills if you want to stay awake, sleeping pills to fall asleep, pain relievers for anything from a headache to a hernia, pills for attention problems and mood disorders. There are pills to keep you from getting pregnant, pills to control acne, pills to control appetite for weight loss, herbal remedies, pills to control stomach acid and flatulence, and pills to increase sexual desire (as Bob Dole would attest to). All of these drugs are available to us now and more will be advertised and created into the future. This generation might as well be called "The Pill Popping Generation."

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# News

# RWU and Bristol community put presents under needy trees

**Sara Clark**  
Staff Writer

Roger Williams University students and staff joined efforts last Christmas with the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve to initiate a Toys for Tots collection program that was the most successful of its kind in the state.

In its first year as a major collection point in the Toys for Tots campaign, Roger Williams and the surrounding towns donated around 1500 toys, more than any other organization in Rhode Island. This accomplishment took only two weeks.

The program was co-sponsored by Maple/Nike Hall Council and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. The two groups established toy collection sites all over campus and businesses areas in Bristol.

Jarrad Dafiotis, the Maple/Nike Hall Council President and coordinator of the Toys for Tots drive at RWU, expressed his pleasure with the success of the campaign.

"We collected the most toys for a single organization in Rhode Island," he said.

Toys were donated by RWU students and staff, and by members of the Bristol and Portsmouth communities.

Major Carroll of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Center in Providence and one of the organizers

of the Toys for Tots campaign praised Dafiotis and the other hall council members for their efforts.

"Those guys, what they did was fantastic. They added immensely to the amount of toys that we gathered this year. It is because of students like them that the campaign was such a success," he said.

Dafiotis was pleased with the amount of support that the program received from all areas.

"I think that the campus community as far as the support of faculty and staff was paramount. We were featured in stories in the *Providence Journal* and the *Providence Phoenix*, and my hometown paper picked up the story."

He noted that several members of administration, President Hagan, Assistant Deans of Students Michael Cunningham and Richard Stegman, and Maple C.O.R.E. Tripp Hutchinson, were extremely helpful and enthusiastic about the program and the opportunity to give back to the community. The Roger Williams public relations department also helped to promote the program.

Dafiotis and the other 19 members of Maple/Nike Hall Council set up drop boxes for toys on campus at the Public Safety building, Law School, Admissions building, Student Union, Department of Student Life, and the Administration building.

There were also jars for monetary donations in the cafeteria and bookstore.

Off-campus toy drop-off locations were at Sip 'n Dip Donuts in both Bristol and Warren, the Toy Shop in Bristol, Café la France in Bristol, Mount Hope High School, and the public libraries in Barrington, Bristol, Warren, and Portsmouth. All donation boxes were emptied at the end of each week, and Dafiotis, Hutchinson, and the rest of the council brought the amassed toys to the Marine Corps headquarters in Providence.

Dafiotis is a transfer sophomore and a first-time president of Maple/Nike Hall Council. He is also a former member of the U.S. Navy. Dafiotis brought the idea of RWU becoming a Toys for Tots drop-off location to the council as a volunteer opportunity. He is pleased with this year's success, and he hopes to continue the program next year.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Dafiotis. "We're working closer in conjunction with the Marine Corps next year. We hope to start the collection on October 1, when the program officially begins. We will try to get more support from local merchants."

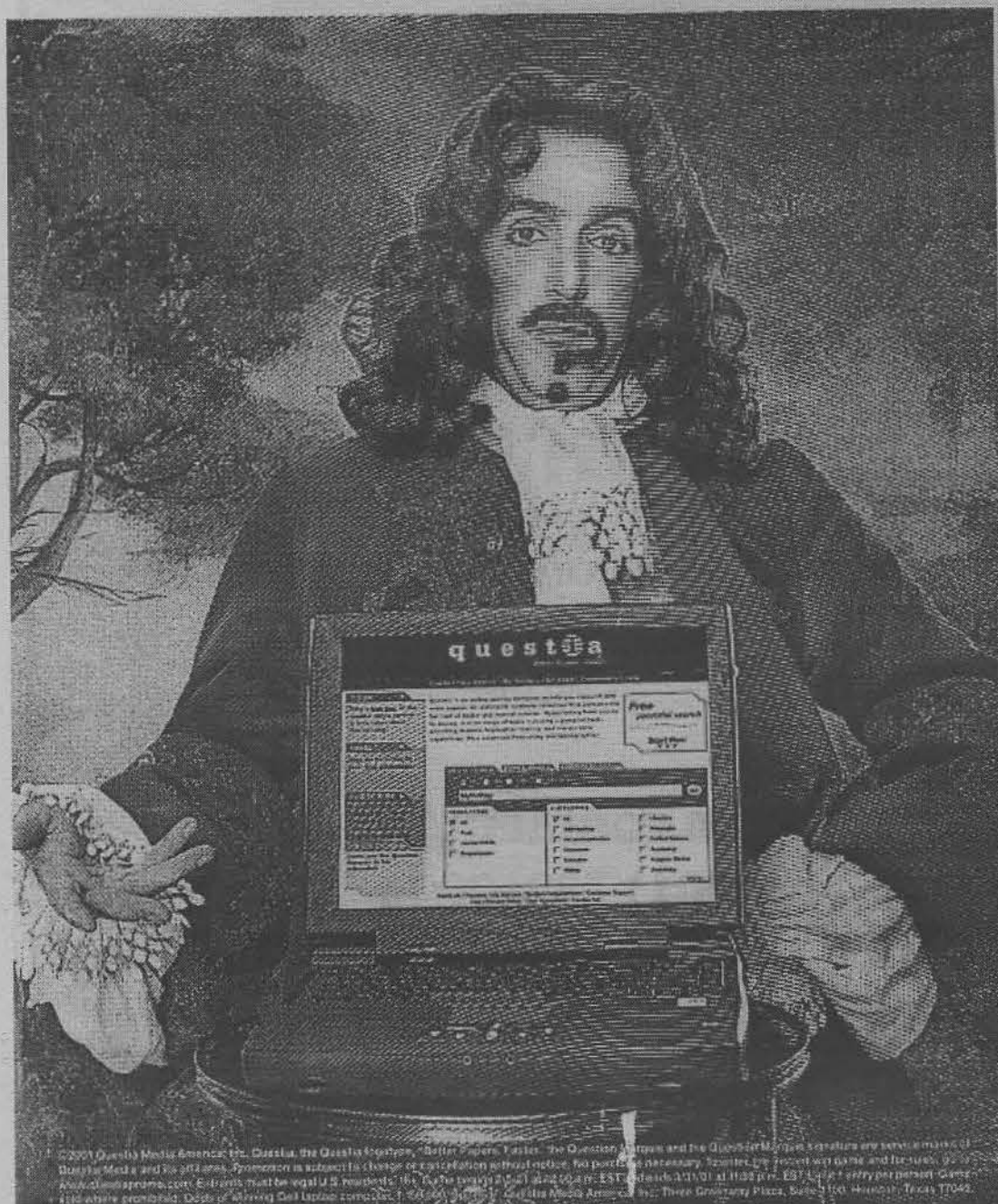
Dafiotis hopes to double the number of collected toys next year, and to work with the Marine Corps on other fund-raising activities on campus.

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The videos are short and all are homemade. No applicant has attempted to have his or her video done professionally yet, although McMurrough said that some prospective students who are interested in graphic design have done "animated, cartoon-like" videos. The admissions committee reviews all of these videos, and a particular department will review the ones that are in specialized areas, such as dance.

Another trend that McMurrough mentioned is applicants sending in collages of their accomplishments. McMurrough remembered that one girl from Westchester County who applied for Early Decision went this route. The girl made a collage of her published articles from her time working on her hometown and school newspapers and photographs from memorable events in which she had participated.

"You couldn't help but be impressed by her things," she added.

While admissions counselors see some unusual trends, the tour guides at RWU field strange and sometimes stupid questions. Freshman tour guide Ian LaChance at first had trouble picking out individual questions that parents had asked him which were unusual or silly.

"I just talk," he said. "They ask random questions during the tour, but I can't remember."

Upon questioning some of the other tour guides in the office, he returned with a smile.

"I don't know who this happened to," said LaChance, "but one father asked if his daughter would be subjected to sex in the dorms."

"They ask about the cats a lot," said sophomore tour guide Sarah Bouton. "One person asked, 'Are parents limited to visits?' People have asked if their kids can have private bathrooms."

Bouton also explained why the Fine Arts Building is off-limits on tours

except by special request.

"We don't show the art studio unless specially requested because one admissions counselor was leading a tour through the fine arts studio and she was leading this really strict Roman Catholic family... and the students were drawing a nude model. I guess the parents got really freaked out."

The coed bathrooms are also an issue of distraught for many parents. Freshman Freddie Ferrao, who lives in the show room of Unit 6 in Maple, related that usually people only looked at his room when on the tour and refrained from asking him questions.

"Nobody comes in here and talks, they just look," he said. "When they ask, the main thing they ask is whether the bathrooms are coed or not, boys and girls."

Other residents of Unit 6 shared similar experiences.

"It's the usual questions, like the parents asking if the floors are split; if there are boys on one floor and girls on the other," said sophomore Terry O'Reilly. "The most I've gotten is parents getting upset about the coed bathrooms."

Fifth-year student Jason McCusker was insulted by the question he was asked.

"There was one time last week when this woman asked me... obviously, I'm older than everyone here... and she asked me if this was a freshmen dorm."

Freshman Matt Blood said that the dumbest question he gets asked by tours is, "Do you go here?"

O'Reilly affirmed that he had been asked the same question.

"[They ask] Do you live here? I had all my books and stuff out in the lounge and I was studying," he said. "What did they think?"

"We used to moo at them," recalled McCusker, laughing.

explained that the donated money is expected to be received in intervals over the next few years.

Roger Williams University's enrollment is 3700 hundred students attending both the Bristol and Providence campuses. As of February, 449 of these are full time day students of the Business School. The donation should improve the quality of education in the school's undergraduate business and computer fields.

Chancellor Santoro is quoted in a recent press release confirming the importance of Gabelli's generosity. "It is difficult to overstate the importance of major gifts such as this to a university's ability to maintain and build excellence, while opening the door to private, higher education to all interested, qualified young men and women." RWU is currently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top tier schools in its category.

### Equestrian Team looking for a breakthrough after near-top finishes

By Sara Clark  
Staff Writer

The RWU equestrians are having their best season in four years. During the two weekends of Spring Break they added second and third place finishes to their record, keeping them in the top half of their region so far this semester.

First, the members of the equestrian team braved slippery roads and frigid weather on March 3 to finish third out of nine teams at the intercollegiate competition hosted by Wesleyan University at Wincrest Farm in Hebron, Connecticut. Also competing at the show were teams from Brown University, Johnson and Wales University, Salve Regina University, the University of Rhode Island, the University of Connecticut, Connecticut College, and Teikyo-Post University.

When the final points were tallied, the RWU riders had finished third behind Brown and Wesleyan. RWU beat the UCONN and Johnson and Wales teams, which are ranked second and third, respectively, in the region.

Robin DelSanto, the coach of the RWU equestrian team, was pleased with the outcome of the show.

"I couldn't be happier with the team this weekend, both with their performance in the ring and as a team," she said.

The RWU girls also performed well as individuals. Earning first place ribbons were sophomore Whitney Reese in Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter and junior Kerrie Schulz in Walk/Trot.

Second place finishers were freshman Shelley Cochran in Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter, sophomore Liz Garrett in Novice Fences, sophomore Lisa Pektor in Novice Flat, senior Kirsten Simonsen in Intermediate Fences, senior Katie Spofford in Novice Fences, and freshman Natalie Williams in Open Fences.

For both Williams and sophomore teammate Nadine Valette it was their first time competing at the intercollegiate level. The experience was new to Valette, who had never competed in a horse show before. Williams, a six-year horse show veteran, found out about the differences between regular competition and intercollegiate competition.

She commented, "I had a lot of fun showing with the team and I

enjoyed it because it was less stressful... I guess it was more relaxed than the usual shows that I'm used to and I liked the team effort and morale." Previously when Williams had competed in horse shows, she had to bring her own horse to the show and worry about getting both herself and the horse ready. In intercollegiate horse shows, all of the riders compete on the host team's horses and do not have to do any of the preparatory work.

The following Saturday, March 10, Trinity College joined the Zone I Region I roster and the RWU equestrians finished fourth out of ten teams at the show hosted by UCONN. It was a tough day to focus on competition because seven members of the Brown University Equestrian Team had gotten into a car accident on the way to the show. The Brown team, because they ride at the same barn as the RWU girls, is sort of a sister team to the Hawks.

The third competition, held at Wincrest Farm and hosted by Teikyo-Post University, has been the most successful of the team's season. RWU placed second out of nine teams, earning a Reserve High Point College ribbon. Teikyo-Post took home the High Point College award, beating RWU by only a point. Other highlights of the day were two first place finishes for freshman Krystal Watkins, who then competed, but did not place, in the rideoff. Earning second place ribbons at Teikyo were sophomore Lisa Pektor in Intermediate Fences and freshman Natalie Williams in Open Fences.

On March 24, those RWU riders not on vacation in warm, exotic places congregated at the Johnson and Wales Equestrian Center in Rehoboth, Massachusetts for their fourth show of the season and earned a fourth place team finish. Notable rides were freshman Brooke Lunday, who earned a first place ribbon and pointed out of Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter into Novice Flat and Fences, sophomore Lisa Scarnecchia, who placed first in both her flat and fences classes and competed in the rideoff, and freshman Krystal Watkins, who earned a first place in Intermediate Flat.

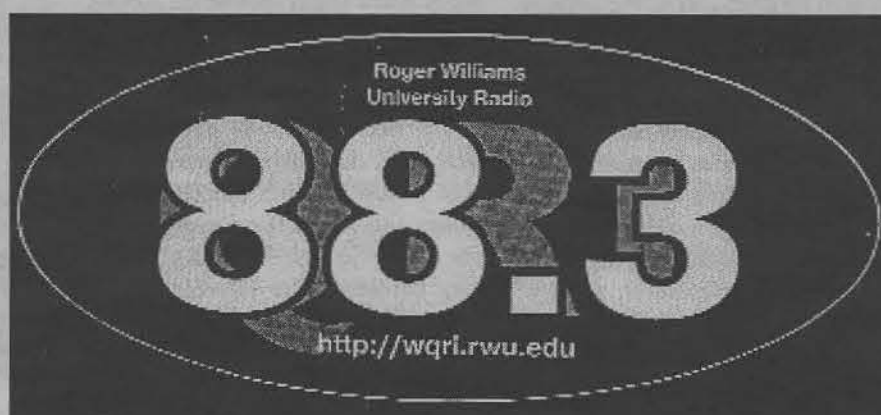
Coach DelSanto and the RWU equestrians head off to compete at the regional horse show on April 7. A first or second place finish at Regionals means a trip to Zones, so cross your fingers for the girls!

### RWU receives \$3.5 million

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The university recently accepted the single largest donation in Roger Williams' history, a \$3.5 million endowment. Mario J. Gabelli, the Gabelli School of Business namesake and a consistent patron of RWU, pledged the generous sum in early February. Gabelli is founder and chairman of Gabelli Asset Management Inc., one of the country's top asset management and financial service firms.

According to Chancellor Santoro, the money is slated to aid with scholarships and help build computer and communication systems. The additions include a research center and trading room modeled after a Wall Street Brokerage and Financial Services Firm. Roger Williams' public relations director, Hugh Ryan,





## Sports

# Continued from back page: RWU softball will accept nothing less than CCC title

Sophomore Amanda Morici saw limited time in five games in the outfield last season, but looks to contribute this year.

A solid recruiting class also looks to bolster the Hawks. Freshman infielders Jenn Miller and Erin Keating are expected to make big contributions at the plate, while infielders Rachel Selby, Patty Esposito, and utility player Tracy Chaves will be counted on to shore up the squad's defense.

"Erin Keating and Jenn Miller will contend for starting positions," said Pappas. "Even though, we did well overall defensively last year, they dramatically improve our team defensively."

Pappas was quick to note that nothing is definite at this point. "It won't all be decided until after our spring break games, but they [Keating and Miller] are strong candidates for short-stop and second base," Pappas added.

The squad opened up

Wednesday, March 14 at home on snowy Paolino Field against Emerson College. The Hawks looked to avenge a spanking at the hands of the Lions last season. After that, the Hawks traveled to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, who they handled easily last year, the following day for their last game before they travel to Florida for spring break.

In Florida, the Hawks took on local teams, such as Lasell, Pine Manor, Framingham State, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and UMASS-Dartmouth, as well as national powers like SUNY-Oneonta and St. Ambrose.

"We need to get the team spark and keep it going, something we didn't do last year," Gallant said. "Florida always helps us do that."

This is a season of immense promise for this group of Hawks. Their promise was strengthened after they were voted as the preseason favorite to win the CCC by the coaches of the con-

ference. One thing they don't want to happen, is for a sense of overconfidence to set in.

"We can't go out there with the attitude that we're going to just show up and win," said Gallant. "We're perfectly capable of winning every game, but we don't want to be overconfident."

"Just coming out and achieving as much as we can is a goal for us this year," added Hill. "We just have to make sure we improve on last year."

The Hawks will have stiff competition for the right to represent the CCC in the NCAA Tournament in May. Endicott College was voted second in the preseason poll, just one point behind the Hawks despite receiving five first place votes to the Hawks three.

"Endicott is a very strong team and should be the team that gives us the biggest fight," Pappas said. "They are very well coached, have lots of pitching, and can put the ball in play to force you to make mistakes."

Defending conference champion University of New England was picked third in the preseason poll, receiving two first place votes. New England College was picked to finish seventh.

"My long-term goal is to win the CCC playoff," said Pappas. "This team has the talent and is the preseason favorite as voted on by the other coaches. There's no doubt we are a better team than last year."

Now, back to the redemption issue. Sunday, April 1 is the day the Hawks travel up to Henniker, New Hampshire to take on New England College looking for a little redemption.

"Before the game, we'll probably be a little frustrated just because we know we should've won last year," said Gallant. "We'll be wired. It'll be a coming out party for our team."

"We'll want revenge," Hill said simply.

## Baseball squad looks to get back on track

By Marc Stroum  
Sports Editor

After a disappointing loss to Anna Maria College, a team the Hawks have smoked the past three seasons, a win against New England College is just what the baseball team needed to bring back a little confidence. These are the teams the Hawks are used to thumping all over. This game was no different as they took care of NEC and showed they could still tear apart teams at the bottom of the division. The Hawks used several pitchers in the victory and got plenty of big hits throughout the lineup.

This is the Hawks first win since their first day in Florida. The Hawks made their annual trip down to the Sunshine state playing in the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic in Fort Myers Florida during spring break.

With cooler temperatures and a couple rainy days the squad played 8 games finishing the week 1-7. Florida has not been too kind the team the past few seasons as they have wound up on the losing end of some very close games.

The competition is good and year after year, the Hawks find themselves playing some of the top Division III programs in the country. This year was no exception as they played Franklin Pierce, Aurora College, and Trinity College.

This years team features three senior captains in Matt Killam, Steve Browne, and Chris Sullivan and with an injury to the only junior on the team, the other 16 players are freshmen and sophomores. A lot of changes have been made entering this year after coming off a productive season, despite losing to Salve

Regina in the first round of the CCC tournament last year.

The week began with their lone victory coming in the second game of a double header against Trinity College. The Hawks were led by William Hawkins and Colin Whalen who both had clutch hits in the game, including a two run double by Whalen that knocked in the go ahead runs. Starting Pitcher John Kelly pitched well into the last inning allowing just 2 earned runs in the victory. The squad then dropped the last 6 games on the trip.

The Hawks played two tight games against Division II Franklin Pierce, but wound up losing 5-4 and 4-2. Kat Killam delivered a solid performance on the hill. They ended the week losing to Aurora college in a double header and Benedictine College on their final day.

The Hawks got some impressive play from some of the younger guys who have been forced to step in and fill the role of injured players and graduates of the program. Jason Dunlea and Josh Rosen each had a successful campaign in the sunshine state hitting .364 and .348 respectively. Freshman Brian Robinson showed he had some pop in his bat smacking two solo home runs. Classmate William Hawkins was solid at the plate as well. John Kelly was a bright spot on the mound going 1-1 on the week, with a team best 3.65 ERA.

Since getting back to the Ocean state the Hawks have had to deal with several rain storms and high winds. This has cancelled three games and forced them to play only one game against NEC. As league play continues, the Hawks look to step up their game and prove they are still a tough team to beat in the conference.



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### TIPS TO AVOID A LONG WAIT AT RWU HEALTH SERVICE

1. Call for an appointment or show up as a "walk-in" early in the day.
2. Avoid the lunch hour. There is only one nurse available between 12:00 and 1:00.
3. Avoid 4:00 to 5:00 unless it is an emergency.
4. Students with appointments and those who are extremely ill will be seen ahead of "walk-ins".



## Sports

# Last minute arrival hopes to take RWU lacrosse team to top of conference

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With a new coaching staff and a group of talented players, the Roger Williams University men's lacrosse team is preparing for another excellent season looking forward to winning their first Commonwealth Coast Conference title.

After coach Mark Outerbridge stepped down in October, the team was left without a coach for over a month. "After some advertising, the team found a very welcome late addition, Anthony J. Stevens" according to Roger Williams Athletic Director William Baird. "The team seems very enthusiastic about him."

Stevens, a former player and captain of the lacrosse team at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, had a good coaching experience with the University of Indiana at Bloomington club team. Although it is a school made up of about 36,000 students, and they competed against other division one schools, the lacrosse team could not be considered a varsity team because there had to be an equal number of varsity teams for men and women under Title XIV. When Stevens first took over, the team's record was 3-7. His last season at Indiana, his team was 13-3.

Originally Steven's accepted the job of assistant coach at Wheaton College, but ended up taking the head coaching job here instead.

"I would rather be the head coach than just the assistant," said Stevens. Now that the team finally has a coach, the preseason looked like it is off to a great start.

"It looks as though the Hawks will play as well as they did last season, the only difference is that we hope that they will win the game that will send them to the NCAA tournament," according to Stevens.

Last year the team had a 9-6 record placing them in third place. "The best part about the team is that they are all underclassmen except for the two seniors," Stevens said. "This is a plus because we will be a very strong team in the future, plus there are already eight recruits for next year."

This year's team is led by senior Dave McMullen and junior Dave LeBlanc. This will be McMullen's second season as the starting goalie. Last season, McMullen started all 15 games, winning nine. This season he looks to continue improving in the net. The other captain, attackman Dave LeBlanc, is the top returning scorer from last season, as he scored 33 goals and 27 assists for a total of 60 points.

According to Stevens, there are several standout players this year. Two great attackmen returning from last season are juniors LeBlanc and Peter Awn. Awn was the fifth leading scorer last season with 27 goals and nine assists. The standouts on the defensive line this year will be junior long stick middle



Above: Adam Vickers looks to pass as the defense approaches and Below Cory MacEachen hunts for an opening against Wesleyan. -Photos by Nicole Fitzmeyer

Seth Funt, who was named to the All-Conference Team last season, and sophomore Sean Kelley, who made his presence known as a rookie last season and played on a nationally ranked team in high school.

The team also has a lot of players that made positive contributions last season and look to improve this year.

Junior middle Sean Sternburg, has had two quality seasons and is expected to pick his play up a notch this year. He was fourth in scoring a year ago with 28 goals and 32 assists for 58 points, and was named to the All-Conference Team. Cory MacEachen, a sophomore, returns as a solid performer on the defensive line, while middies Mark Gryzlo, Josh Lowe, Mike Sullivan, and Tim Sullivan look to step up this season.

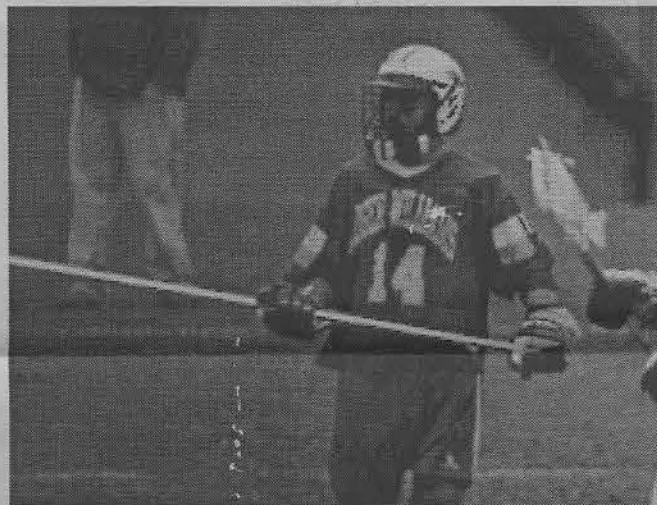
The two teams to beat this season are going to be New England College and Endicott College.

"If we beat those teams, it will be key," Stevens said.

According to Stevens, "there are no real problems facing the team this year except that we have to play six games within a 14 day period, which can be really stressful for the players."

"Luckily there are also a lot of good freshman, three or four of them will probably start. The team is a real tight bunch of guys and they seem to get along really well," adds Stevens.

This year's conference preseason poll has the Hawks ranked fourth. New England College, the defending conference champions, are ranked at number one. Last season, the Hawks lost to New England College in overtime during their regular season game. Gordon College is ranked number two, and is the team that the Hawks lost to in the semifinals. The big surprise this season in the polls is Endicott College tak-



ing the Hawks spot at number three. Last season, the Hawks beat the Power Gulls, 16-15.

At the beginning of the season the Hawk's had a temporary assistant coach Chuck Little, a former lacrosse player from Ithaca College who played professionally for the Boston Blazers. As of now the new assistant coach is David Kemmey, the coach of the RWU varsity men's wrestling team and the Assistant Athletic Director.

The Hawk's went down south to Port Richie Florida this year to help them to prepare for their upcoming season. In Port Richie the Hawk's played teams like Williams College who won the Sears Cup last season and the University of Massachusetts at Boston who had a great recruiting season. Although the Hawk's did not play well against these particular teams, they performed well as a team considering the tough competition. Some of the players that stepped it up in Florida where Dave LeBlanc with five goals, Sean Sternburg with three goals and seven assists, Sean Kelley and Seth Funt.

After returning from Florida coach Stevens decided to name junior Seth Funt to be one of the tri-captains as well.

The Hawk's opened their season with their first home game played against Wesleyan. Although the Hawk's tried their hardest, it just wasn't enough to win. The Hawk's lost to Wesleyan 20-6. Sean Sternburg scored a hat trick while juniors Peter Awe and Dave LeBlanc as well as freshman Adam

**Brothers Face Off:**  
Captain Seth Funt checks out his brother's abilities first hand

By Nicole Fitzmeyer  
Contributing Writer

For the first time ever captain Seth Funt received the opportunity to play his younger brother in lacrosse at a competitive level. Jared Funt, his younger brother, is a freshman middle from Wesleyan. "This game was very emotional for me," replied Seth. "I couldn't sleep at all last night knowing that I was going to be playing my brother and that my mother and father were coming to watch the game. I knew that the pressure was on and that I, as well as the whole team, had to perform well," he added. "I thought that it felt good. It was fun. A good time. It was a little different then when we use to play in the back yard," Jared replied. When asked what team Mr. and Mrs. Funt would be rooting for, Jared replied with, "Both" while Seth said, "I think the Hawk's since we are the underdogs." Both of the brothers said that "we did not deliberately go after each other on the field. We tried to keep it clean. But we both definitely stepped it up a notch" When asked how it felt to lose to his younger brother's team Seth replied, "We knew it was going to be a difficult game because they are such a great team. We just went out and played our hardest. Luckily no one got hurt."



Vickers all contributed one goal each. Senior Dave McMullen and freshman Jamie McCoy made some great saves as well.

The Hawk's started off their season playing some of the hardest teams, but they look like they will be off to a good start and a game winning season. One of the big games to look forward to in the future will be when the Hawk's face off against the Endicott Power Gulls on Saturday April 14 at 12:00p.m. on the Soccer Field.



## Wrestling season ends with high and low notes

By Brian Rhodes  
Layout Editor

A great season for RWU's wrestling team came to an end the first weekend in March in Waterloo, Iowa. This season, the Hawks not only won on the mats, but scored decisive victories with their books.

Senior Pete Doucet returned to the NCAA Division III National Championships after last year's eighth-

place effort that earned him a spot on the All-American Team. Junior Kevin Logue took the trip with Doucet to Waterloo with high expectation, those of a repeat spot on the All-American Team for Doucet and for Logue, the chance to match Doucets two bids.

The Hawk grapplers unfortunately lost in the All-American round back to back on the same mat.

"They both could have won," said Coach Dave Kemmy. "It's kind of a disappointing way to end a very good

and successful season."

Not all was lost though. Junior Brian Bagdon was honored for his hard work off the mat with Academic All-American honors and the Hawks squad as a whole finished 18th in the country for team GPA in Division III wrestling.

After a great season for the Hawks on and off the mat, next season will start with expectations for achievements that are bigger and better, on and off the mat of course.

## Softball squad looks for redemption

Michael Lynch  
Sports Editor

Redemption. When you ask the members of the Roger Williams softball team what they want to do this season, that is the answer you get. Last season, the Hawks had an unbelievable regular season, compiling a 26-6 record under the leadership of head coach Steve Pappas. They also finished in first place in the Commonwealth Coast Conference regular season with a 17-3 mark. So why is this club looking for redemption?

Rewind back to the first round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference playoffs last April. The Hawks' quarterfinal opponent was New England College, a team the Hawks had defeated handily earlier in the season. The Hawks succumbed to the pressure of being the number one seed, as they committed nine errors in a 7-4 loss to the Pilgrims. An incredible sense of disappointment was all the coaches and many of the players could feel.

"It was a big let down, for both the coaches, and I know even more so for the student athletes," said Pappas. "NEC was a team we took to lightly, and a team that we really should easily defeat in a doubleheader. We have better players than them at almost every spot."

The players felt the same way. "It was devastating," said junior pitcher Lauren Hall. "It hurt even more because it happened to us my freshman year, too. There's more pressure when you're the favorite."

That loss is what fuels the fire under this year's version of the Hawk softball team. The squad is primed and ready for a repeat of last year's regular season, but is looking for a much different result in the conference playoffs.

The Hawks lose only one starter from last year's team and return nine starters from the CCC regular season championship club. Gone is Becky Adams, the school's all-time leader in runs-batted-in. Adams was also second in Roger Williams's history in runs scored, and third in career at-bats and hits.

The Hawks return five all-

conference players, including last year's Commonwealth Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, Lauren Hall.

Hall had an outstanding season on the mound for the Hawks last season in earning conference Pitcher of the Year honors, as well as First Team All-conference honors. She dominated CCC hitters, as she posted a 22-5 record with a 1.44 earned run average. Her 22 wins were a school record and led the conference, while her 92 strikeouts were the second-most in school history. Hall was also second in the CCC in winning percentage and fourth in earned run average.

Seniors Nicole Gallant and Kristin Pappas, the coach's daughter, joined Hall on the conference's first team. Gallant, the teams' designated hitter last season and co-captain this year, punished opposing pitchers, as she tied for the team lead in batting average (.361) and was second in hits (35) and stolen bases (12). She was a perfect 12-for-12 in stolen base attempts. Gallant also had 10 runs batted in and scored 20 runs.

Pappas, the club's first baseman, set a school record for putouts in a season (273), and also led the club in sacrifices (7) and walks (15). Pappas hit .330 and drove in 12 runs last season.

Sophomores Laura Bednarz and Lesley Calderwood were named to the CCC Second Team All-conference in their freshman campaigns. Bednarz, the team's starting catcher and leadoff hitter, was also named RWU Female Freshman of the Year last year. She was undoubtedly the team's top offensive player last season. She led the team in at bats (108), hits (39), runs (28), slugging percentage (.509), on-base percentage (.425), stolen bases (13), and fielding percentage (.980). Bednarz also tied for the team lead in batting average (.361), doubles (7), and triples (3).

Calderwood, the team's right fielder and second pitcher, batted cleanup most of the year. She slugged two home runs, which led the team. She also tied Bednarz for the team lead in doubles with seven. Calderwood finished second on the team in at-bats (107), runs (27), hits (35), and runs-

batted in (20). On the mound, she posted a 4-2 record with a 1.79 ERA.

"I expect the all-conference players to have at least as good a year this year as last," Pappas said. "They will be counted on to lead the team and to make sure the younger players feel comfortable."

There are also five returning players that will be key contributors if the team is to make a run at the CCC championship and the NCAA Tournament bid that goes along with it.

Senior co-captain Amy Hill was the team's starting center fielder last season and figures to be again this year. A converted first baseman, Hill hit a robust .356, good for second on the team. Her .508 slugging percentage placed her just points behind Bednarz for the team lead. She also added 11 runs-batted-in and scored 15 runs last season. Hill will be counted on heavily to put up strong numbers as the club's centerfielder this season.

Junior second baseman Renee Case started 30 games last year. Case will be counted on for her defense at second base and in the outfield, where she has also been working out in pre-season.

Sophomore Jenny Sherman, who also stars on the Hawk soccer team, will return as the squad's third baseman. Sherman batted a solid .278 last season, with 16 runs scored and 9 RBI's. She was also a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts and had nine walks. Sherman will be counted on to provide solid defense at the hot corner and continue her offensive production.

Sophomore shortstop Emily Whitson, who is also a forward on the basketball team, had a solid freshman year last season. She batted .264, scored 24 runs, and was also perfect in stolen base attempts (6-for-6). Her 13 walks were good for second on the team. Whitson is another player who may be asked to change positions to strengthen the Hawk defense.

"We'll work in Florida to maybe move Emily to the outfield. She came here as a freshman after mainly playing outfield in high school," said Pappas. "We used her at shortstop last year, where she did an admirable job, but I feel she can help the team most in the outfield."

### Updates:

**Softball squad will settle for nothing less than a championship after near misses previous years**

**Nicole Fitzmeyer breaks down the upcoming lacrosse season. Recently hired coach is aiming squad to top of the CCC**